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YAOUNDE, SEPT 25--A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES HAVE EMERGED FROM A WEEK-LONG SEMINAR SPONSORED HERE BY THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE OF CAMEROON (IRIC).

REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE SEMINAR RECOMMENDED THAT THE GENERAL STRUCTURE AND PERSONNEL OF THE ORGANIZATION BE STUDIED IN ORDER TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY; THAT A MILITARY FORCE BE CREATED TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND TO WORK TOWARD ENDING COLONIALISM ON THE CONTINENT; AND THAT AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE MEET REGULARLY ON A REGIONAL BASIS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OAU. ON THE QUESTION OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION, SOME OF THE SEMINAR PROPOSALS WERE THAT AFRICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SET UP COURSES ON THE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES OF REGIONAL COOPERATION; THAT SUB-REGIONAL GROUPINGS DISCLOSE THEIR AGREEMENT AND PROJECTS TO THE OAU; AND THAT NATIONAL LABOR, EDUCATION AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS ATTEMPT TO FORM ON A SUB-REGIONAL BASIS. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT AFRICAN NATIONS ATTEMPT TO WORK TOWARD THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CURRENCY AND THE COORDINATION OF FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES.

WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFRICAN AND THE NON-AFRICAN WORLD, THE SEMINAR RECOGNIZED A GENERAL LACK OF RESEARCH CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEND REPORTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR DISCUSSIONS TO AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THAT

IRIC SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN STIMULATING FURTHER STUDY AND COMMUNICATION ON THE ISSUE.

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SPONSERED BY IRIC BROUGHT TOGETHER 37 PROFESSORS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS FROM 25 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENERAL AND AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS IN PARTICULAR AS FACTORS OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL SELF-ASSERTION OF AFRICA AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CONTINENT AS AN ENTITY."

SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS FIRST MET IN PLENARY SESSION FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND THE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS. MR. ADAMOU NDAM NJOYA OF CAMEROON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH MR. N.M. SHAMUYARIRA OF TANZANIA SERVING AS FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT AND MR. JAMES MAYALL OF ENGLAND AS SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT. EACH SEMINAR PARTICIPANT PRESENTED A PAPER ON AN ISSUE CURRENTLY CONFRONTING AFRICA. MR. MAYALL DISCUSSED THE IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA OF THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY WAS PRESENTED BY MR. BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO.

THE UNITED STATES WAS REPRESENTED AT THE SEMINAR BY TWO POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSORS. PROFESSOR I. WILLIAM ZARTMAN OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY PRESENTED A PAPER ON REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL SYSTEMS IN AFRICA. PROFESSOR ZARTMAN IS THE AUTHOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE NEW AFRICA, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON AFRICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. CAMEROON WAS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE RETURN OF PROFESSOR WILLARD R. JOHNSON, AUTHOR OF THE CAMEROON FEDERATION. PROF. JOHNSON, WHO PRESENTLY TEACHES AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, HAD NOT VISITED CAMEROON SINCE COMPLETING THE RESEARCH FOR HIS BOOK SOME EIGHT YEARS AGO. HE PRESENTED A PAPER ON AFRICANIZATION IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS, THE SEMINARIANS WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS TO DISCUSS:

1. THE OAU--A FOCUS AND SOURCE OF NORMS AND PRINCIPLES AIMING AT THE RENOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICA WITH A VIEW TO THE POLITICAL ASSERTION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE CONTINENT AS AN ENTITY.
2. INTER-AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THE EFFORTS TOWARDS SOCIO-UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC INTERGRATION AT SUB-REGIONAL AND CONTINENTAL LEVELS.

3. THE AFRICAN SYSTEM AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE NON-AFRICAN WORLD.

IN AN INTERVIEW GRANTED TO THE CAMEROON TRIBUNE AT THE CLOSE OF THE SEMINAR, MR. ADAMOU NDAM NJOYA, DIRECTOR OF IRIC EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEMINAR WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS,

HE SAID WOULD BE AN AFRICAN CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE. ITEM.
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